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— *Babyhood* discusses in its April number the question whether children can outgrow catarrh. The writer, Dr. D. B. Delavan, takes strong ground against the popular idea that time will work a cure in the case of chronic catarrh and shows clearly the danger of neglect. Another important medical article is that on "Headaches of Children," by Dr. C. L. Dodge. The mothers themselves contribute a number of interesting letters to the "Parliament" on such topics as "Baby's Naps," "Rational Dress for Little Girls," "Gardening for Children," "The Traditions of the Elders," "Corporal punishment," etc.

—"Mutual Aid among Animals," by Geo. E. Walsh, is a notable article among the many good things in *Outing* for April. The article illustrates a pretty side of animated nature, and goes to show that mutual aid among animals is as apparent to the close observer as is the mutual struggle for supremacy.

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March 19.—The principal paper of the evening was: The Biological Basis of Psychology, by Professor Lester F. Ward. C. D. Walcott, On the Discovery of Certain Cambrian Fossils on the Coast of Massachusetts; F. H. Knowlton, The Fossil Flora of the Bozeman Coal-Field; C. W. Stiles, Notes on Parasites: Strongylus rubidus, Hassall and Stiles, 1892; H. E. Van Deman, Variations in the Fruit of Hicoria Pecan.

April 2.—The principal paper of the evening was: The Interdependence of Plants and Insects, by Professor C. V. Riley. C. Hart Merriam, The Distribution of Tree Yuccas (illustrated); H. E. Van Deman, Variations in the Fruit of Hicoria Pecan; C. W. Stiles, Notes on Parasites: Two Stages in the Life History of Distoma magnum, Bassi, 1875 (F. americana, Hassall, 1891).

Philosophical Society, Washington.

April 6.—T. Russell, River Stage Predictions; J. P. Iddings, A Study of a Dissected Volcano; Waldemar Lindgren, The Silver Deposits of Lake Valley, New Mexico.

Anthropological Society, Washington.

April 5.—Symposium on the Nomenclature and Teaching of Anthropology. Opened by Dr. Daniel G. Brinton of Philadelphia.

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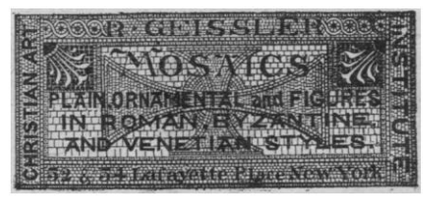

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